

CAMEROON

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Jun 62	Decree 62-DF-216	6nm	
	Nov 67	Law No. 67/LF/25	18nm	
	Dec 74	Law No. 74/16	50nm	This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in 1968 and conducted operational assertions in 1988 and 1991 (overflight).
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jun 62	Decree 62-DF-216		Straight baselines closing bays, gulfs, roadsteads defined.
	Aug 71	Decree 71-DF-416		This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in 1963. Revises straight baseline claims.
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Dec 74	Law No. 74/16		Enabling legislation for exclusive fishing within a "contiguous zone" to be delimited by decree.
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jun 75	Maroura Declaration		Agreement with Nigeria EIF.
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed.
	Nov 85			Ratified.
	May 95			Signed Part XI Agreement.

b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

1. STRAIGHT BASELINES

A. LEGISLATION. The following are excerpts from Decree No. 62-DF-216 of 25 June 1962:

Article 1 -- Within the Cameroon Gulfs, Bays, Roadsteads, the lines from which the six¹ nautical miles forming, in implementation of article 5 of the Code of the Merchant Service, the limits of the territorial waters shall be defined from North to South as follows.

1. The roadstead formed by the mouth of the Rio Del Rey. A line drawn from Cape Bakasi to Betika point.
2. Bidundi Bay. A line drawn from Mandale point to Cape Debundscha.
3. Ambas Bay. A line drawn from Cape Limboh to the South point of Ambas Isle and afterwards from this point to Cape Nachtigal.
4. Navire De Guerre Bay. A line drawn from Cape Nachtigal to Cape Bimbria.
5. The roadstead formed by the mouth of the River Bimbria. A line drawn from Cape Bimbria to the point of intersection of the coast with the international meridian 9° 21' 40" East.
6. The roadstead formed by the mouth of the River Wouri. A line drawn from the point defined above to Suellaba point.

¹Subsequent legislation, Law No. 74/16, extended Cameroon's territorial sea claim to 50 nm.